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Dear Colleague

Consultation on the Transmission Planning Code

The Transmission Planning Code (“the TPC”) first came into force on 1st October 2008. National Grid has an obligation to periodically review and consult on the TPC under Special Condition C11 of its Gas Transporter Licence in respect of the NTS (“the Licence”).

The TPC contains a description of the main technical factors that affect the planning and development of the National Transmission System (“NTS”), and includes a methodology to determine the physical capability of the NTS.

National Grid must comply with the TPC and review it periodically (at least every 2 years) with the last revision completed 1st October 2010. Following a review, the Licence requires National Grid to consult on the TPC for at least 28 days, prior to making any revisions. Any revisions to the TPC must be approved by the Authority.

National Grid presented on the TPC consultation process during the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Transmission Workgroup on 3rd May 2012 and invited the industry to submit issues for review. Subsequently, National Grid has received no issues.

National Grid has reviewed the TPC and identified a number of proposed changes. For clarification, the proposed changes are predominantly driven by legislation relating to the Planning Act 2008 and the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). We are aware that ongoing developments relating to the RIIO-T1 price control may also introduce the need for additional changes in the future. The potential impact of these is explicitly excluded from this review and will be considered in future reviews of the TPC when there is more certainty.

National Grid is now formally consulting on the TPC revisions, ahead of submitting the statement to the Authority for approval. We invite views on the revised TPC.

A copy of the proposed TPC document along with this covering letter may be found on our website at: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/TYS/TPC/>.

The consultation on the proposed revisions to the TPC will close on **Friday 3rd August 2012**.

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Please mark your response as confidential if you do not wish it to be published.

If you have any queries on the Transmission Planning Code or this consultation, please contact me at deepak.mistry@nationalgrid.com or 01926 653418, or alternatively Edward Blackburn at eddie.j.blackburn@nationalgrid.com or 01926 656022.

Yours sincerely,

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